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"Son, wherever you are—at sea, on land, in the air, I bring you your mother's love . . . We mothers are proud of you, our sons . . . God love you. God keep you. God grant your fine, brave manhood a victory. God, in his own good time, bring you again to me."—The "UNKNOWN MOTHER" in a Holiday Message broadcast anonymously over WBZ and short-wave stations, Boston, to all men in the United States military service.



For those who will not be *Mentally Marooned*

WORLD WEEK

We agree with the *Birmingham News* in a recent editorial: "The best patriotism calls for reading *all* the news the bad along with the good." This is no Pollyanna page. We assume our readers are mental adults who prefer realistic view of events. At outset, we told you to be prepared for fall of Wake and Hongkong; suggested definite possibility we may have to abandon Philippines. That possibility inches toward probability as this is written (Dec. 24) but decision must involve military considerations not yet clear.

ALLIED COUNCIL: Don't think in terms of Supreme Master Mind directing war as a whole. "Unified command" is quite impracticable. Roosevelt-Churchill talks will evolve an Allied Council, probably centered in Washington. Council will consider needs of Allies as a whole, and apportion material. That's about all. Council will not—can not—plan actual war strategy. Such plans must be battlefield-built by generals in command.

We look for Pres to appoint a small board—apart from but closely co-ordinated with Allied Council—for express purpose of speeding and unifying production. Willkie does not want place on this board. Our information is that if offered post he will accept only with great reluctance.

We do anticipate plan for closer unity between U. S. and British naval and air forces in Pacific. They may even be combined under single direction. But Russia will be troublesome factor in any immediate planning of Allied Council. Regardless of what you may read or hear, Russia isn't likely to set up Pacific front at any early date. Nor will she, in all probability, grant Allies use of Siberian bases, at this time.

... — *It wasn't our "biggest" Christmas. War news hit merchants terrific wallop; would have been worse but for fact that many, spurred by fear of shortages, did shopping early. Postal volume substantially less than year ago. Much Holiday money diverted to war securities.*

NAZI SHAKEUP: Apparently this is what happened: High Command tried to ease Hitler out ("rest cure" announcement of last week) but he proved stronger than military council; wrested command from them. Now we'll see. Hitler owes much to his generals. He inspired the Army, but they built and maintained it.

NAZI MOVES: Early decisive action *someplace* is, of course, to be expected. Hitler must make move to bolster morale. In our Forecast for 1942, written several days ago (page 7) we anticipate Nazi occupation of Spain. We have feeling, however, this is not immediate objective. To be sure, troops may march thru Spain and ferry across Mediterranean into North Africa, with idea of strengthening badly shattered Axis forces in Libya,

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prophecies . . .

CIVIL DEFENSE: It's pretty much of a mess. Even before war declaration group was widely criticized for bungling and emotional outbursts. Grave danger is not token bombing (which may of course materialize) but potential sabotage to disrupt communications; demoralize populace. Civilian workers should be trained NOW to repair damage, prevent panic. Pres doesn't want to hurt feelings, but must act soon. New York World-Telegram suggests job be turned over to Army, or if civilian must be put in charge, draft Jim Farley.

"POINT-WITH-PRIDE" DEP'T: Our major forecasts for year have been fulfilled. Worst guess: Prophecy that hogs would sell for \$15 by Xmas (closed Dec. 24 at \$11.50).

but it is question whether Hitler can get enough men there quickly enough to save situation. An attack on island of Malta is a definite possibility (though it would be much more difficult than Crete) and of course there's always Gibraltar. Or again, massed Nazi troops may embark from a French port for a quick thrust at French bases in North Africa. Who knows? Certainly we don't.

We remain convinced Nazis must attack Near East thru Turkey—soon. Von Papen, Nazi diplomat, has been closeted with Turkish high officials this week. Our guess now is that Turks will fight—very well.

FRANCE: We don't credit unconfirmed report that Petain has been forced out. This would be major error on Hitler's part. Darlan cannot rule France in its present mood, and we doubt that he could deliver the Fleet. If rumor is confirmed, look for bloody uprisings.

TAXES: We told you some time ago Gov't was considering plan to appropriate all individual income above specified maximum. There was confirmation this week that plan is being "studied." If adopted, maximum will probably be set somewhere between \$15,000 and \$25,000. You pay regular tax on income to maximum figure. Above that, Gov't takes 100%. You'll hear more of it later.

... — *This was the year Hitler promised his soldiers "the greatest victory in our history" Remember?*

Harvard

Publisher.

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"He Who Never Quotes, is Never Quoted."—Charles Haddon Spurgeon

"I hasten to offer my services in any way in which my experience and my strength, to the last ounce, will be of help in the fight."—Gen. JOHN J. PERSHING, Commander of the A. E. F. World War I.

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"We are lucky in the way war has come to us, by the sudden stab in the back. First, it was the kind of attack that stirred us as a whole united nation, to fight back. Second, we took a beating which awakened us to the size of the job. On the very first day, we had our Dunkirk psychologically. We may suffer worse blows during the war, but Pearl Harbor eliminated the 'phony war' period at the outset."—RAYMOND CLAPPER, in his Syndicated Column.

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"I wish we hadn't prohibited head-hunting on our island. With the natives, it's just a game. I think the ban should be lifted for the duration—against the Japanese."—The Ranee of Sarawak, Queen of 500,000 Wild Men of Borneo.

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"It's in the laps of the gods."—Manager WALTER H. DONOVAN, on eve of most unpredictable horse-racing season in Florida history.

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"Did it ever strike you that my husband looks very much like Winston Churchill?"—MADAM MAXIM LITVINOFF, wife of U.S.S.R. Ambassador to U.S.

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"I have never seen a lot of money do anything for people except make damned fools out of them. Over here, when a man gets \$1,000,000 he immediately becomes a genius."—THEODORE DREISER, American Author.

"May we
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you on that?"

"Send us more Japs!"—Now famous war message from heroic marines defending Wake Island.

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"You can't send planes all over the world and have them in Hawaii when they're needed. We almost lost our most vital possession in the Pacific because there weren't enough planes. But the Japs were too dumb. They spread their attack too thin."—Col. H. KRESS MUHLENBERG, Former Commandant at Hickam Field, Hawaii, in a banquet speech at Columbus, Ohio, for which he is likely to suffer disciplinary action.

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"There never was a time when femininity counted for more. In London, women wear uniforms a short time every day, and afterwards dress as brightly and as gaily as they can—as part of their duty to morale. I believe that even hats should be sillier than ever—as long as there are some brains under them."—Mrs. HARRISON WILLIAMS, famous leader of the "best dressed" lists.

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"I'm sure Stalin will tie an empty caviar can to Hitler's panzers."—MARGARET BOURKE WHITE, photographer and wife of foreign correspondent Erskine Caldwell.

"It isn't crafty diplomacy, or brilliant generalship, or even frenzied fighting that wins wars. . . . It's an endless irresistible flow of men and materials, and a good cause to fight for. That's what we've got. So don't let a few discouraging bulletins dismay you too much."—HARLAN MILLER, *Des Moines Register*.

"Take every other normal precaution for the protection of headquarters, but let's keep the flag flying." — General DOUGLAS MACARTHUR, in response to suggestion that American flag, flying from Far Eastern Headquarters, might serve as target.

"We covenant with each other before all the world that, having taken up arms in the defense of liberty, we will not lay them down before liberty is once again secure in the world we live in. For that security we pray; for that security we act—now and evermore."—Pres. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, in his Address Commemorating the Anniversary of the Bill of Rights.

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"Let's cool out on strike talk lest we feel the tyrant's heel! Let's cool out on strike talk lest we lose the public's tolerance of our present good fortune. Let's work and win this war."—NORMAN A. ZOLEZZI, Editor *Labor Digest* in a Christmas message to Labor.

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"Personally, I have every faith in baseball and am certain it will survive (the war) in good shape."—CONNIE MACK, veteran manager of the Athletics.

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ADVERTISING

You can't advertise today and quit tomorrow. You're talking to a parade.
—*Threads*.

CONCENTRATION

Here's a timely observation on Willie Hoppe, the billiard champion who, at 54, will defend his world three-cushion title on January 12th. Twenty years ago, a sportswriter, commenting on Hoppe's technique, made an observation that is equally true today: "While the other contestants play Hoppe, Hoppe plays billiards."

ECONOMY—Paper

Nowadays in England it is the exception rather than the rule for a businessman to receive a letter in a new envelope. More often than not, he gets one which has been used a number of times but is still usable through sticking another label over the old one.—*The Christian Science Monitor*, 12-16-'41.

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Starting the first of the year, half of the ten billion books of matches used in America each year will carry the following message inside the cover: "Warning! Do not strike these matches to burn paper. Waste paper is urgently needed for conversion into boxes for defense. Save it! Sell it!"
—*Printers' Ink*, 12-5-'41.

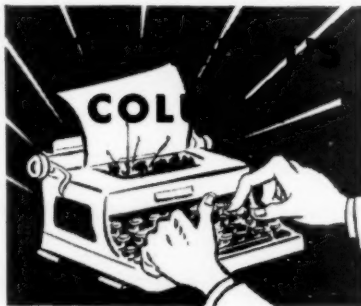
EDUCATION

Our notion that the young must go to school until they can go to work, which makes the school a time killer or waiting room is simply an aspect of our general view that if anything needs to be done we will let the school do it.—ROBERT MAYNARD HUTCHINS, Pres., Univ. of Chicago, *Harper's*.

FASCISM—Opposition to

Humiliating to Italians is the fact that the German Gestapo has established itself in every important position in Italy. The Nazis have forced the Italians to send large quantities of food to Germany, while the Italians themselves live on very short rations. Mussolini does not dare to refuse the Nazi demands for food or troops because Italy is absolutely dependent upon Germany for coal, and German troops on the Brenner could easily march into and occupy Italy even more completely than at present.

In consequence of all this, fully two-thirds of the Italian people are now bitterly opposed to the Fascist regime.



The Yellow Dog Draws Blood

By SERGEANT ALVIN YORK

Sergeant ALVIN C. YORK, of Tennessee, outstanding hero of World War I, and subject of the recently released motion picture bearing his name, is now writing a daily column for the Chicago Sun and other newspapers.

During the last war they used to say you never can tell whether or not a man's a soldier till he gets under fire. The man can't tell himself.

My outfit was sent to the trenches. We stayed there 26 days and nights without a change of socks. Some of the men who'd talked big turned out to be as good fighting men as they'd said. Some who'd acted shaky showed up just as well. A few were downright scared at first. Pretty soon we were all too busy to think about that. The Germans sent it at us hot and heavy. We gave back as good as they sent, and a little better. When we finally were relieved, we knew pretty much what kind of soldiers we were. So did the Germans.

Hitler and his pack of off-breed dogs wanted to see how the American people were going to act under fire. The yellow cur was sent sneaking through the bushes. It jumped and bit.

According to Hitler's plans, a bunch of scared rabbits was then supposed to scatter every which way. The yellow dog did draw blood, but it was no rabbit blood. I wonder what they are thinking, now that they know what the American people really are?

Hitler can't see much rabbit or comfort in the furious American Eagle he flushed.—Distributed by the Chicago Sun Syndicate.

Army Laughs

Away from camp at Fort Bliss, Texas, on an unauthorized furlough, a soldier wired back: "Request extension of my A.W.O.L."
—*Capper's Weekly*, 12-6-'41.

They realize what a mess Mussolini has got them into. They believe that Italy will be better off on the side of Britain than as Germany's ally.—SIDNEY B. FAY, "When Will Europe Explode?" *Current History*, 12-'41.

HUMAN RELATIONS

If you sugar off all the talk about democracy, you will reduce it to a single pertinent question. This is it: What does another man mean to me?

If you answer "A vote," you are a politician.

If you answer "A sale," you are an enterpriser.

If you answer "An enemy," you are a soldier.

If you answer "A colleague" in this common fellowship we call life, then you have achieved an attitude which justifies your participation in a dynamic democracy.

What does another man mean to me? If you answer that question rightly, you have discovered the full meaning of Him who gave his life for many.—PAUL F. DOUGLASS, President, American University.

INDUSTRY—Russian

When the Germans were approaching not one city, but many cities where industrial plants were turning out fighting munitions, the Russians, realizing that they would probably lose the city or cities, began to move their factories. And how did they move them? They ran a freight train—backed it into the factory, and they loaded the tools into the freight cars. And with every tool—into the same freight car—went the man who was operating that tool. Their simple objective, when they moved 600 or a thousand miles away was to re-establish the factory . . . and they did not have to put new people—untrained people—onto these tools.—Pres. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, in his extemporaneous remarks to the Industry-Labor conference.

INFLATION

The following story came out of Germany when the post-war inflation there was at its height: A business man got so mixed up in his affairs that he had to be sent to an insane asylum. After a period of six months he was released. He took a taxi to the railroad station: the fare was 150 thousand marks. This huge amount astonished the poor man who told the driver that all he had was a 20-mark gold-piece. But he was more astonished when the driver replied:

"Well, I am sorry, but what you are offering me is worth one million marks right now and I haven't got that much change." After doing a bit of thinking the business man finally decided: "You may keep the change, but drive me back where I came from."—*Wall Street Journal*.

How to tell a Chinaman from a Jap in no Easy Lesson . . .

Perplexed Americans are asking: "How can I tell a Japanese from a Chinese or a Filipino? Is there some difference in the faces that science can point out?"

There isn't. You cannot tell the Oriental peoples in this country apart reliably and consistently by scrutinizing faces.

The answer comes from one of America's best known anthropologists, Dr. Alex Hrdlicka of the Smithsonian Institution at Washington.

He explains that when you pick out a Japanese or Chinese readily, as you can in perhaps 30% of cases, it may be the manner, or psychological expression that aids your judgment. Japanese have a clever, smarter expression, the reflection of their materialistic and commercial interests. Chinese have faces that the anthropologist finds "mild and friendly and interesting." This reflects their philosophic and intellectual background.

Picking out Oriental nationals is rather like trying to pick out Italians from Spaniards or Portuguese, on sight, in a group. Science has found no quick and sure-fire test for it.—*Science Service*.

MERCHANDISE—Japanese

It's quite a jolt for little business men to throw away all the "Made in Japan" goods on their shelves. An ex-merchant marine got to thinking about their plight, and here's his idea.

Japan's already got her money and it's our merchants who have paid and are stuck with the goods. So why throw them away and have to spend more money to replace them? Why not "send it back to Japan in bombs?" Have the merchant collect all Japanese articles in one place in his store and put up a sign frankly stating what they are. The public could buy the articles and use them, or destroy as desired. The merchant would pledge himself to invest the proceeds in defense bonds which in turn would pay for bombs.—LOWELL NUSBAUM, in his Column, *Inside Indianapolis*, *Indianapolis Times*, 12-17-41.

Why Latins Turn Totalitarian

By JOHN GUNTHER

The author of *INSIDE EUROPE* and *INSIDE ASIA* takes us, in his latest book, *INSIDE LATIN AMERICA*, (Harper, \$3.50). Country by country, we are given an accurate view of the current situation. In his final summary, "What to do About it," Mr. Gunther points out that while the Good Neighbor policy is working well, we should guard against internal revolution fomented by an unfriendly power.

We can do most for South America—and for ourselves—the author believes, thru stimulating hemisphere trade. For example, we should encourage Latin American production of quinine, rubber, manganese. At present, we take only 28.7 of our total imports of wool from the hemisphere; this percentage could easily be increased.

Following are a few revealing observations on totalitarian tendencies in the Latin countries:

Time and again I asked friends in Latin America why their compatriots were tempted by Nazism or Fascism, why they were sympathetic to totalitarian ideals. I got several answers from the agitated conversation this question provoked:

First, in many countries the people became desperately fatigued by the inefficiency of "democracy" (Latin-American model). They saw graft, bribery, red tape, nepotism—and blamed "democracy."

Second, in some countries—Mexico, for instance—many people were influenced toward pro-Germanism by atavistic dislike of the United States and resentment against England.

Third, economic factors. German traders built up a powerful position in most Latin-American business communities. They came to stay; they learned the language; they married Latin Americans and adopted local

customs; they were friendly, substantial, and incredibly efficient.

Fourth, feudalism. The landed oligarchs, often supported by the church and army, are naturally conservative, and still believe that Fascism will protect their property and other interests.

No one should think that Latin Americans are not aware of the Fifth Column problem. They know its manifest danger. They are good patriots; they don't like subversive activity by anyone. They don't want to become German slaves. Several countries, like Cuba and Brazil, have taken more stringent steps against Fifth Columnism than has the United States. Cuba forbids all propaganda hostile to democratic ideals; Brazil has closed all the German schools. But the Nazi organizations continue to maintain secret activity almost everywhere.

Fifth, many Latin Americans feel that Germany may win the war; they want to be on good terms with the victor, and to play the winning side. They know they are virtually defenseless, and they are not sure how effectively the United States can help them. This sentiment diminished after the United States passed the Lend-Lease Bill.

Sixth, matters of psychology and temperament. Traditionally Latin Americans like the Strong Man, and for most of a century the continent was governed largely by despotism and violence. Hitler came along and gave a kind of moral ideology to despotism and violence—erected a system out of it—so that many of them see Fascism as a kind of justification of their own historical past.

MUSIC—Learning

After a recent lecture, entitled "Design for Living," Dr. William Lyon (Billy) Phelps was asked this question:

"Do you believe in a life hereafter?"

"Oh, most surely, indeed," answered Dr. Phelps. "There is much I'm planning to learn and do. In fact, I invite this entire audience to a piano concert given by me in heaven 15 million years from tonight. I will be accompanied by 1,000 stringed instruments."

The audience laughed.

Dr. Phelps eyed his hearers solemnly. "Oh, but I'm serious," he said. "It'll take me 15 million years to learn to play the piano."—DOROTHY LEHMAN SUMERAI, *The Rotarian*, 12-41.

PREACHERS—Preaching

I never see my pastor's eyes,

He hides their light divine;

For when he prays, he shuts his eyes;

And when he preaches, mine!

—*The Volta Review*, 11-41.

News of the New

ARMY: B. F. Goodrich Co. announces perfection of first transparent plastic gas-mask, impervious to all recognized poison gases.

ENGINEERING: Engineers who often spend hours, weeks calculating difficult flows of heat, were cheered this week by announcement from Columbia University of an "electrical brain" that reduces the time of such calculations to minutes, or even seconds. Apparatus developed by Dep't of Mechanical Engineering contains 70,000 parts. It calculated in one hour the flow of heat that took six months to get out of the 200-inch mirror of world's greatest telescope. In case of lightning-fast heat flow in airplane engine cylinder explosion, action was spread out to ten minutes for purposes of examination.

ERSATZ MATERIALS: Neolite is new Goodrich substitute for leather as soles for shoes. Advantages: Double the wear; waterproof; slip-resistant; retains original shape, preserving line of shoe.

High-octane gasoline and synthetic rubber can now be produced from waste gases of steel and petroleum industries thru freezing process. Different gases freeze out at varying temperatures; may be separated into pure components, then put together to produce these vital defense materials.

INVENTION: To conserve steel—a plastic razor blade!

New abdominal supporter for men with "bay-window" tendencies has warning whistle which sounds automatically when stomach muscles are permitted to relax.

SCIENCE: New magnetic machine which will make 100,000,000-volt X-rays was announced this week, invention of U. of Illinois physicist, Dr. Donald W. Kerst. X-rays from this single machine would equal 1,000 grams of radium—more than total extracted from the earth to date. And these rays are 10 times more powerful than those from radium. New tool has breath-taking possibilities for medical experiment.

Influenza virus, smallest known disease agent, has been photographed thru use of the new electronic microscope. It is a spherical speck 4 ten-millionths of an inch in diameter.

PRICES—Control

Under Canada's Wartime Prices and Trade Board policy all Canadians are now price policemen. Housewives, husbands, the public at large, keep tab on the corner grocery and the local restaurants to see that foods and prepared dishes are sold at the price effective during the basic period of Sept. 15 to Oct. 11. If a man finds his favorite eating place is charging 30 cents for a particular food which he is sure he paid only 25 cents for during the specified period he is supposed to see the proprietor and demand proof that this is not so. If dissatisfied he has only to enter complaint with the regional director that prices have been boosted. Either the case will be prosecuted or the restaurant make immediate adjustment downwards.

Thus each Canadian has the responsibility to police prices and protect the nation from wartime profiteers.—*The Financial Post*, 12-6-'41.

PROGRESS

Progress always involves risks. You can't steal second base and keep one foot on first.—*Future*, 12-'41.

SALARY—Raises

Richard Mansfield once engaged an actor for his company at a salary of \$75 a week. The man made a hit in his first role. After playing for a few nights he marched into Mansfield's dressing room.

"I think we should draw up a new contract, Mr. Mansfield," he declared. "I want \$100 a week."

"What for?" asked the manager.

"What for? Why, I'm a big success in my part!"

"And why," inquired Mansfield calmly "do you suppose I paid you \$75 a week—to fail?"—*Milwaukee Journal*.

TRAVEL—Future

Floyd Chalmers of the *Financial Post*, Canada, describing a flight to Lisbon, tells of having conversed with the captain of an Atlantic Clipper who said that he already considered air travel verging on the obsolete.

"You and I won't live to see it," he said, "but the day is coming when scientists will devise a new mode of travel. They'll do to the human body what they now do to the voice. They'll just turn it into an electric beam or ray of some kind, send it across the Atlantic instantaneously, and then unscramble it the way they do with a wireless telephone message, and turn you back into yourself again—clothes, baggage and all."

UNITY—Chinese

China alone has preserved the internal unity essential to continued resistance. After decades of civil strife China, during a war, during a bitter and devastating invasion, has forged unity of action out of disunity of desire. In four years of war China has kept impotent a factionalism that in Europe has made an end of nations in fewer than four weeks.—HERRY-MON MAURER, *The End is not Yet*. (McBride, \$3).

"It's on account of the War . . ."

A religious edifice in New Orleans is henceforth to be known as the Pentecost Baptist Church. Former name: Rising Sun Baptist Church. . . . The citizens of Mikado, Michigan have petitioned that their village be re-christened "Roosevelt." . . . Famous Gilbert & Sullivan light opera has opened a week's run in Washington, after certain alterations. The line reading, "We are gentlemen of Japan" is now sung, "We are gangsters of Japan." . . . In Spokane, Wash., the Athletic Round Table has tuned slot machines to defense tempo. When player hits the jackpot (3 Uncle Sam hats) machine plays *Stars & Stripes Forever*, and delivers a defense bond. . . . Members of Dillon, Mont., Kiwanis Club have contributed \$1 each to "buy a bomber"; ask 130,000 Kiwanians in U. S., to join them. (Current cost of bomber about \$350,000). . . . Rome radio reports that alliance of Japan with Germany, Italy isn't inconsistent because Japs are "yellow Aryans"!

WAR—Precautions

Benigno Ramos, leader of an opposition party in the Philippines, spent a number of years in Japan from where he directed the party movement. When he came back to Manila in 1938, he urged all his followers to have their pictures taken—for a fee, paid to him. He promised them that the photographs would be filed away carefully and would finally be turned over to the Japanese at the time of the inevitable invasion. The Japanese would spare from all violence, even treat with special kindness, all persons whose identifications could be verified by the photographs.—FLORENCE HORN, *Orphans of the Pacific*, (Reynal & Hitchcock, \$3).

What will happen in 1942?

In its issue dated December 30, 1941, the magazine, *Look*, presents forecasts from a number of well-known foreign correspondents and news analysts. We present below a few selected excerpts from this interesting feature. These predictions were written before the Axis declaration of war:

John T. Whitaker: Within a month of mid-March, Hitler will invade Spain, Portugal and North Africa—which are vital to his war against America. Italians will attempt to assassinate Mussolini, but will bungle it. An attempt on the life of Darlan, by Frenchmen, will be successful.

Raymond Clapper: The East Coast will see a token bombing. Germany will introduce revolutionary fighting planes with an unprecedented ceiling.

England will get a Spring blitz, with gas.

Next Fall will see Hitler supreme in Europe, but harassed by uprisings.

H. V. Kaltenborn: A progressive weakening of Hitler's war machine because of declining morale and increasing material shortages.

A desperate attempt by Hitler to secure control of the Caucasian oil fields.

Continuing losses on high seas to German U-Boats and bombers.

Serious losses in consumption goods; serious delays in defense production because of shortages.

No complete solution of the strike problem.

Raymond Gram Swing: Winter cold and famine will desolate vast regions of Europe, with heaviest toll in Soviet Union under Nazi control.

Victory may come by December, 1942—or may not come until 1943.

Other specialists quoted in the *Look* survey include Edgar Snow, specialist on the Far East, Maj. George Fielding Eliot, Elmer Davis, Pierre van Paassen and Harry Flannery.

Our Own Forecast for the Coming Year

For the first six months—and probably for the entire year—the Allied Powers will continue to play a defensive role.

Until at least mid-Summer it will look very much like Japan's war in the Pacific. As previously reported, we anticipate the probable early loss of Wake, Midway and Hongkong. Surrender of the Philippines may be necessary, in order to concentrate on the defense of more strategically-important Singapore and Hawaii. It is entirely too early to reach any definite conclusions on this point, but Americans should be emotionally prepared. These anticipated losses would of course be temporary; our long-range view of the situation is most optimistic.

We expect virtual blockade of Burma Road by Japan, thus isolating our materiel aid to China and crippling her war activities.

Russia will remain sympathetic to our cause in the Pacific, but will seek to avoid direct clashes with Japan, pending outcome of her German campaign. Unless Japan takes initiative, we anticipate no action from Russia before Spring, at least.

Typhus and kindred war-borne plagues will decimate Europe this Winter. May prove an extremely serious factor among troop concentrations. Hundreds of thousands of persons will die of disease, cold, hunger before Spring. Greece will be among the countries hardest hit. There will be great suffering in that portion of Russia devastated by Hitler war machine.

Retreating German forces in Russia will form a firm line, in all probability on Russian soil; certainly somewhere East of their own border. They will then concentrate on regaining ground in Southern Ukraine. Objective: to occupy Crimea and command Black Sea, with ultimate intent of moving into Caucasus.

Nazis must slake their oil thirst before the new year is many months old. The Turkish overland route to oil now seems more imperative. We anticipate terrific diplomatic pressure on Turkey—but there is a good possibility that the Nazis may yet have to fight their way to oil. They may head thru Turkey for Iran-Iraq fields, rather than tackle Caucasus immediately. Quick, unfailing oil source is essen-

tial prelude to invasion attempt on England and/or Ireland.

We doubt that Hitler's young soldiers have been exhausted in Russian war. More likely, they have been withdrawn for action elsewhere.

An "invasion" of Spain (Hitler's for the taking) and occupation of French ports in North Africa would be cheap victories, serving to bolster home morale, hamper Allies and arouse apprehension of Western Hemisphere. Thus they are probable moves of near future, but must be considered subordinate to the main drive for oil.

We will make no long-range predictions on course of the war in Africa. Too much depends upon factors which are not yet clear.

Year's end will see the Nazis still dominant in Europe; Japan facing increasing difficulties in the Far East. There is no prospect whatever of war's end in 1942, and we do not now anticipate its decisive conclusion in 1943.

On the domestic front, Congress will continue unprecedented appropriations for all-out war efforts. The next tax measure will be far more drastic than anything we have yet seen, probably involving some form of enforced payroll deductions. There is now no hope of continuing a "pay-as-you-go" policy on war expenditures. Any serious efforts in that direction would dry up income sources and bankrupt the country.

We anticipate some gasoline rationing, but average users will not be too hard hit. We think now that most middle-class persons who can demonstrate real need will be able to buy replacement tires, but we must all get more mileage than heretofore. Millions of more jalopies may be driven from highways due to inability of owners to pay prevailing prices.

Prices will tend upward, but there seems some hope of preventing runaway inflation. We do not think any legislation now in prospect can wholly nullify laws of supply and demand.

"Defense unemployment" which we have forecast since early Spring, may be mitigated somewhat by speed-up of production due to actual war. However, considerable dislocation now appears inevitable.

There will be labor strife thruout the year, following somewhat the pattern of advancing commodity prices and accelerated production.

Politicians with strong isolationist records face almost certain defeat in 1942 elections.

GENS FROM Yesteryear

On New Year's Resolutions
By FINLEY PETER DUNNE

We have heard before from Mr. Dooley, "The Philosopher of Archey Road." We find him now in iconoclastic mood, with his friend, Mr. Hennessy, at the start of a New Year, near the close of an old Century. This selection is from Mr. Dooley in Peace and War (Small, Maynard, 1899).

"An' now another year has been put on to what we had before" said Mr. Dooley, "an' we're expected to be gay. 'Ring out th' old' says a guy at the Brothers' School. 'Ring out th' old, ring in th' new' he says. It's a pretty sintimint, Hinnissy; but how ar-re we goin' to do it?"

"Well, last night I says to mesilf, thinkin' iv Dorsey, I says: 'I swear that henceforth I'll keep me temper with me fellow-men. I'll not let anger or jealousy get th' better iv me' I says. 'I'll lave off me old feuds; an' if I meet me inimy goin' down th' sthreet, I'll go up an' shake him be th' hand, if I'm shure he hasn't a brick in th' other hand.'

"Oh, I was mighty compliminthry t' mesilf. I set be th' stove dhrinkin' hot wans, an' ivry wan I dhrunk made me more iv a pote. 'T is th' way with th' stuff. If I wasn't too comfortable to go an' look f'r th' ink-bottle, I cud write pomes that'd make Shakespeare think he was wur-kin' on a dredge.

"Whin I woke up this mornin', th' pothry had all disappeared an' I was feelin' misherable, with aches an' pains in ivry jhoimt.. But I remembered my promises to mesilf, an' I wint out on the sthreet, intindin' t' wish ivry wan a Happy New Year, an' hopin' in me hear-rt that th' first wan I wished it to 'd tell me to go to th' divvle, so I cud hit him in th' eye. . . .

"Well, I've been thinkin' it over, an' I've argied it out that life 'd not be worth livin' if we didn't keep our inimies. I can have all th' frinds I need. Anny man can that keeps a liquor sthore. But a rale sthrong inimy,—one like Dorsey that hates ye har-rd—is a luxury that I can't go go without in me ol' days. I'll swear off on annything but Dorsey. He's a good man, an' I despise him. Here's long life to him."

There's an amusing story making the rounds, to illustrate the change in British-Russian relations:

It seems a group of minor British officials were touring Moscow. The Russians were taking them about, showing the sights. "This" they said, pointing to an impressive highway "is Anthony Eden boulevard—formerly Goering road"; and again, pointing to an impressive edifice. "That is the Winston Churchill building—formerly Adolf Hitler palace."

So the British, deeply impressed, took leave of their guests, and in departing, said: "Farewell, comrades—formerly So-and-Sos."

"I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE"

JOHN ANDERSON, Critic

John Mason Brown's fame as a lecturer is as great as his fame as a critic. Once while he was lecturing in New Orleans, Brown strode clear off the platform in his excitement. He landed amiably among his contented audience. Any other speaker probably would have been disconcerted, but not the sorrel-topped Brown who took it literally in his stride. . . . Returning to the platform, he quipped: "To pick up the subject where we dropped it . . ."—Quoted in WALTER WINCHELL'S Syndicated Column, *On Broadway*.

They tell at Lowry Field, Denver, Colo., of a certain forever unnamed clerk's classic blunder. It seems that a carburetor float had gone haywire and a new one was needed at once. The clerk thumbed thru his files for an order number and the requisition was forwarded to the supply depot. Soon a caustic voice was heard on long distance.

"Lowry Field is the biggest prairie in the whole United States, isn't it?" the voice demanded.

"Why-er-yes, Sir," was the puzzled reply.

"And the Colonel's wife uses irrigation water on the flowers in her back yard?"

"Yes, Sir. Of course, Sir."

"And you haven't anything but land planes at Lowry?"

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"That is correct, Sir."

"Then what the hell do you want with a couple of seaplane pontoons?" —BILL VOIGHT, "Writer's Cramp Squadron," *U. S. Air Services*.

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Having extended her visit longer than she meant to, the old English lady was going home in London after dark—and the blackout was on.

Presently, in spite of all her care, she bumped into a dimly-seen man and they both crashed on the pavement. At once the man was all apologies.

"So sorry," he murmured. "Careless of me. Let me help you up. So sorry."

"Never mind all that," returned the old lady curtly. "Will you please tell me which way I was facing before I was knocked down?"—*Townsend National Weekly*.

WISECRACKS of the Week

On the verge of bankruptcy, Japan goes out and buys an expensive coffin.—*Louisville Courier-Journal*.

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Looks like they've injected the sunshine vitamin into everything except the war news.—*The Progressive Grocer*.

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Earth—a poor example of the universe.

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It's difficult for Americans to understand why the Japanese tried so hard to save face, when they seem to have two of them.—*The Christian Science Monitor*.

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A bigamist is a fellow who makes a terrible mistake—then makes another without correcting the first one.—*The Reformatory Pillar*.

After a long talk on the value of peace, goodwill, and disarmament, a teacher asked if the class objected to war.

"Yes sir, I do!" said one boy.

"Good! Now tell us why."

"Because," said the lad, "wars make history, and I hate history."—*The Northamptonian*, Northampton, Mass.

